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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: EUROPE: UK PRIME MINISTER BROWN'S VISIT TO  
WASHINGTON; SAO PAULO

#### 11. Iraqi Question May Break 'Privileged Relation'

Center-right national circulation daily O Estado de S. Paulo's Paris correspondent Giles Lapouge commented (7/31): "In his first visit to Washington, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown adopted a tranquilizing posture. Yes, there is a privileged relationship between the UK and the US. Yes, the British troops will remain in Iraq as long as security conditions are not assured in that nation, he declared.... However, Washington is aware that the British people hate the war initiated by Bush in Iraq.... The US also knows that Mark Malloch-Brown, the minister responsible for the UK foreign policy towards Africa, Asia and the UN, would prefer that 'Washington and London were no longer like Siamese twins'.... Should one fear that the relationship between the UK and the US may be affected by these bad winds? It is true that the relationship is undergoing tension, but it continues lively and solid. Brown, who is a good economist, has never disguised his admiration for free enterprise.... Only the common adventure in Iraq may break that relationship. At the present moment, Brown seems disinclined to modify the situation. But the pressure of British public opinion is very tough. The question is how long Brown will be able to ignore it."

#### 12. "Gordon Aims At Post-Bush Washington"

Liberal, largest national circulation daily Folha de S. Paulo's correspondent in New York Denise Godoy wrote (7/31): "Brown's visit to the US shows, according to foreign affairs experts, that he wants to maintain close relations with Washington - but not with President George W. Bush.... There was not in the Bush-Brown press conference any sign of separation.... Prioritizing issues such as terrorism, peace between Israel and the Palestinians and climate change, Brown is trying to distance himself a bit from Bush and to focus on the US, which will have a new president in 2009."  
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